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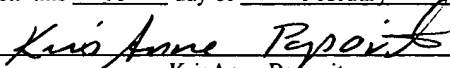
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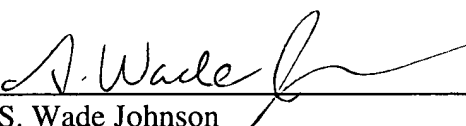
The following documents are enclosed in connection with the above-referenced patent application:

1. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) (2 pages);
2. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 page, submitted in duplicate);
3. Copies of Eight (8) References Cited; and
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b), the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet, submitted in duplicate) are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the identified references are enclosed as necessary. This IDS is being filed before the mailing of a first office action on the merits. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

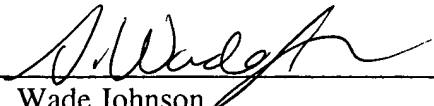
Pursuant to MPEP 2001.06(c), the Applicant is making the Examiner aware of litigation involving Applicant. The case is entitled Transcom, Inc. v. Universal Motion Components Company, Inc., Court File No. 8:03 CV 223, United States District Court, District of Nebraska. Transcom is asserting U.S. Patents Nos. 6,186,507, 6,406,026, and 6,464,228 against the defendant. The references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A were recently identified by defendant in the litigation, and other associated patents and/or documents may come to our attention later.

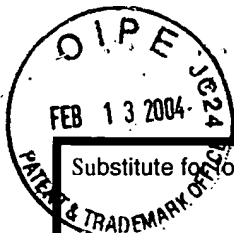
Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, Applicant requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed PTO/SB/08A (submitted in duplicate).

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